**Corruption in Courts**

2308. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned 'Court workers thrive on Kharchapani', which appeared in the Asian Age, dated the 19th January, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action Government propose to take to eliminate corruption from the functioning of Courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The control over district courts and courts subordinate thereto in NCT of Delhi is exercised by the Delhi High Court. Any complaint against the judicial officers or the staff of the subordinate courts in Delhi, received by the Central Government, is forwarded to the Delhi High Court for appropriate action.

The Chief Justice every year nominates a group of Judicial Officers under the direct supervision and control for the purpose of inspection and vigilance matters.

**Appointment of Judges**

†2309. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of judges appointed in Supreme Court, High Courts, Districts Session Courts, and lower Courts in view of number of cases pending in various Courts in the country and the number of additional judges required therefor;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the number of courts and judges; and

(c) if so, by when?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.